

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. An image processing apparatus which sequentially reproduces a plurality of screens of still image signals recorded in a recording medium, comprising:

a timer for measuring an image reproducing period;

5 a first reproducer for reproducing one screen of still image signal from said recording medium every time that a time of said timer elapses;

a second reproducer for reproducing one screen of still image signal from said recording medium every time that an image renewal instruction is issued;

10 a restarter for restarting said timer every time that said one screen of still image signal is reproduced;

a changer for changing the image reproducing period in response to a period changing instruction; and

an issuer for issuing the image renewal instruction in response to the period changing instruction.

15 2. An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said issuer stops issuing the image renewal instruction when the period changing instruction is for extending the image reproducing period.

3. An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising a dial for inputting the changing instruction, wherein said issuer stops issuing the image  
20 renewal instruction when a reproducing direction of said plurality of screens of the still image signals is a first reproducing direction and a rotating direction of said dial is a first rotating direction, or when a reproducing direction of said plurality of screens of the still image signals is a second reproducing direction and the rotating direction of said dial is a second rotating direction.

25 4. An image processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the first

reproducing direction is a forward reproducing direction, the second reproducing direction is a reverse reproducing direction, the first rotating direction is a counterclockwise direction, and the second rotating direction is a clockwise direction.

5        5. An image processing apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 4, further comprising a recorder for recording said plurality of screens of the still image signals in said recording medium.

6. An image processing apparatus which sequentially reproduces a plurality of screens of still image signals recorded in a recording medium, comprising steps of:

10        (a) reproducing one screen of still image signal from said recording medium every time that a time of a timer for measuring an image reproducing period elapses;

      (b) reproducing one screen of still image signal from said recording medium every time that an image renewal instruction is issued;

      (c) restarting said timer every time that said one screen of still image signal is reproduced;

15        (d) changing the image reproducing period in response to a period changing instruction; and

      (d) issuing the image renewal instruction in response to the period changing instruction.